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In re application of:

Josh Morenstein

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For: ERGONOMIC HANDLE FOR A
CARRYING CASE

Examiner: Mark A. Williams

Art Unit: 3676

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
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The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references [in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)] are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants are also submitting herewith photographs of a handle of a croquet case. As shown, the case to which the handle is attached appears to be of wire-frame

construction and rigid. The croquet case was in existence prior to the filing date of the present invention. The handle on the croquet case does not teach or suggest, *inter alia*, carrying case engagement portions that can pivot inwardly at the same time and an expandable carrying case.

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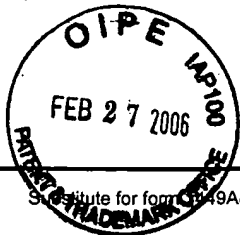
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